

RESOLUTION NO. 94-34

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
IN OPPOSITION TO THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM  
TOBACCO CONTROL ACT INITIATIVE

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WHEREAS, tobacco use is responsible for the death of over 400,000 people every year and is the number one cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) has been categorized as a cancer causing substance by the Environmental Protection Agency; and exposure to sidestream or second hand smoke kills an estimated 40,000 persons every year; and

WHEREAS, the State of California as well as many counties and municipalities conduct aggressive public education campaigns to discourage tobacco use, particularly among children; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Lodi passed a smoking control ordinance in 1990 which bans smoking in most indoor public places in order to protect people against exposure to ETS; and

WHEREAS, an Initiative is being circulated mistitled the California Uniform Tobacco Control Act which would repeal the local smoking control ordinance passed in the City of Lodi and replace it with a state wide law which would could permit smoking in every restaurant and workplace in the State; and

WHEREAS, this Initiative is being sponsored by Philip Morris, the largest cigarette manufacturing company in the world, and they do not deny it; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative prohibits local government from ever passing any tobacco control legislation in the future, and prohibits any organization, except local law enforcement, from monitoring the illegal sale of cigarettes to minors through Youth Tobacco Purchase Surveys or "sting" operations utilizing minors attempting to purchase tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the ventilation standards adopted in the Initiative for application to indoor smoking will remove the odor of smoke from the air, but they will not eliminate the cancer causing substances which pose the threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative has not yet qualified for the ballot, and widespread public exposure of the tobacco industry's tactics and intentions may serve to discourage registered voters from signing the petition; and

WHEREAS, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi opposes this Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lodi will take immediate steps to inform the residents of the impact of this initiative on the community and will forward a copy of this Resolution and smoking ordinances to the Chief Executive Officer of Phillip Morris: Mr. Michael Miles, Phillip Morris Companies, Inc., 120 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Dated: April 6, 1994

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 94-34 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held April 6, 1994 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Davenport, Mann, Pennino, Snider  
and Sieglock (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

  
Jennifer M. Perrin  
City Clerk